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Application Number	10/688,390
Filing Date	10/17/2003
First Named Inventor	Darren Saravis
Art Unit	3637
Examiner Name	Tran, Hanh Van
Attorney Docket Number	70288.020800

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Title: **SNAP TOGETHER MODULAR ELEMENTS WITH STRAIGHT
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Applicant: Darren Saravis
Filing Date: October 17, 2003
Atty Dckt.: 70288-020800/US

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27			
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 455			

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	FILING FEES Application Type Fee (\$) Small Entity Fee (\$)		SEARCH FEES Fee (\$) Small Entity Fee (\$)		EXAMINATION FEES Fee (\$) Small Entity Fee (\$)		Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description						Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____				Fee (\$)			Fee Paid (\$)
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.							
Indep. Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
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SUBMITTED BY			
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